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SUBJECT: RELEASE OF PRISONERS

- 1. ON MARCH 1, THE EVE OF THE PROPHET'S BIRTHDAY AND A TRADITIONAL TIME FOR ACTS OF AMNESTY, KABUL MEDIA REPORTED PRESIDENT DAOUD HAD PARDONED 374 MEN AND WOMEN AND REDUCED THE SENTENCES OF 133 OTHERS.
- 2. INCLUDED IN THESE NUMBERS WERE SEVERAL PROMINENT PERSONS WHOSE ALLEGED CRIMES HAD POLITICAL OVERTONES. AMONG THOSE SAID TO BE RELEASED: GENERAL ABDUL RAZAQ, A FORMER AIR FORCE CHIEF SENTENCED TO LIFE IMPRISONMENT FOR ALLEGEDLY TAKING PART IN THE 1973 "MAIWANDWAL PLOT" (KABUL 7122 OF OCT 4, 1973 REFERS); A GENERAL MOHAMMAD RAHIM ALSO IMPLICATED IN THE PLOT AND SENTENCED TO EIGHT YEARS; GHULAM SARWAR NASHER, FORMER HEAD OF THE SPINZAR COMPANY AND MEMBER OF ONE OF COUNTRY'S MOST PROMINENT BUSINESS FAMILIES. ELIOT

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